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Mr. Daniel Ellsberg
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Dear Dan:

I enjoyed talking with you a few days ago, and I'm delighted that you will be able to participate in the conference the Institute is organizing for September 24-25, 1970, on "U. S. Strategy in Asia."

The conference will be held in Washington and will be divided into three or four sessions over the two-day period (Thursday and Friday). In August I will be in touch with you to give you details of time and place and a full list of participants.

About twenty scholars, specialists, and government officials in the areas of Asia and national security policy will present papers or contribute to discussions over a range of topics related to America's future in Asia: alliances and the containment of China; the administration's emerging security strategy; bureaucratic determinants and the new defense planning process; reliance on nuclear weapons; new concepts of threat and deterrence; Asian forces and military assistance.

The overall objective is to explore the logic and the alternatives of the U. S. security relationship with Asia. The proceedings should provide a critique of the Nixon Doctrine and the administration's policy-making processes.

We may publish an edited version of the papers and discussion. I think this will be an important conference. We appreciate your participation and are looking forward to seeing you.

Cordially,

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